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 In Dispersive Media**

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Three of my students whose research was partially supported by this grant have successfully defended their Ph.D. dissertations. They are John A. Marozas, *Angular Spectrum Representation of Ultrawideband Electromagnetic Pulse Propagation in Lossy, Dispersive Slab Waveguides* (1997), Hong Xiao, *Ultrawideband Pulse Propagation in Complex Dispersive Media* (1998), and Chris C. Khamnei, *Open Unstable Optical Resonator Mode Field Theory* (1998). The results of their research is contained in my publication record for this funding period (reprints attached, if available):

1. J. A. Marozas and K. E. Oughstun, "Electromagnetic Pulse Propagation Across a Planar Interface Separating Two Lossy, Dispersive Dielectrics," in *Ultra-Wideband, Short-Pulse Electromagnetics* 3, C. Baum et al, eds., pp. 217-230 (Plenum Press, New York, 1997).
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11. J. E. K. Laurens and K. E. Oughstun, "Electromagnetic Impulse Response of Triply-Distilled Water," in *Ultra-Wideband, Short-Pulse Electromagnetics* 4, E. Heyman, B. Mandelbaum and J. Shiloh, eds., pp. 243-264 (Plenum Press, New York, 1999).
12. P. D. Smith and K. E. Oughstun, "Ultrawideband Electromagnetic Pulse Propagation in Triply-Distilled Water," in *Ultra-Wideband, Short-Pulse Electromagnetics* 4, E. Heyman, B. Mandelbaum and J. Shiloh, eds., pp. 265-276 (Plenum Press, New York, 1999).
13. H. Xiao and K. E. Oughstun, "Failure of the Group Velocity Description for Ultrawideband Pulse Propagation in a Double Resonance Lorentz Model Dielectric," *Journal of the Optical Society of America B* 16, 10, 1773-1785 (1999).
14. K. E. Oughstun, "Asymptotic Description of Ultrawideband, Ultrashort Pulsed Electromagnetic Beam Field Propagation in a Dispersive, Attenuative Medium," to appear in *Ultra-Wideband, Short-Pulse Electromagnetics* 5.
15. K. E. Oughstun and H. Xiao, "Influence of the Precursor Fields on Ultrashort Pulse Measurements," to appear in *Ultra-Wideband, Short-Pulse Electromagnetics* 5.

In addition, our most recent research will be presented as invited papers at two conferences this summer. The first is on the "Asymptotic Description of Pulsed Ultrawideband Electromagnetic Beam Field Propagation in Complex

Dispersive Media," which will be presented in the Special Session on Free and Guided Optical Beams at the Progress in Electromagnetics Research Symposium (PIERS2000) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The second is "On the Accuracy of Asymptotic Approximations in Ultrawideband Signal, Ultrashort Pulse, Time-Domain Electromagnetics," which will be presented at the joint AP-S/URSI-B special session on Recent Developments in Theoretical Electromagnetics at the 2000 IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and USNC/URSI National Radio Science Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.